

## Life, Battles and Career of Battling Nelson

### XII.—I Begin My Championship

By BATTILING NELSON,  
Lightweight Champion of the World

IN May, 1904, I really began my championship career. After beating Spider Welsh I became a great drawing card. Fight clubs all over the country were after me. I was in a position now to have a say as to the terms regarding purses, etc. It had been a hard climb, but I was near the top. You can imagine how happy it made me when I wrote to my mother that I was beginning to make money hand over fist. I told her there would be no more tramping and riding on trucks for Battling Nelson, the little Dane who some years before had triumphed over the Swedes in Hegewich.

Beginning on May 20, when I fought Martin Canole, up to Nov. 20, when I knocked out Young Corbett, I did not lose a fight. Canole, Hanlon, Herrera and Corbett fell before my mitts in succession. During this period of exactly six months I drew down in



"WHAT A LEMON THIS DANIE IS!"  
purses exactly \$6,800, and in addition to this, I made a little over \$5,000 in side bets and exhibitions.

Knocks Out Martin Canole.  
After my decisive win over Spider Welsh, the California favorite, Alex Greggains of the San Francisco Athletic club offered me a match with Martin Canole, who had made good in San Francisco the previous year by his grand showing against the pet of the golden west, Jimmy Britt. I was now to take the tough ones!

I immediately accepted and started for San Francisco in company with my manager, Teddy Murphy, whom I had hooked up with again. On our arrival we signed articles of agreement, the fight to take place on the coast. I was anxious to make a good showing and immediately adjourned to the training quarters at the Beach tavern and worked in the best possible shape for the battle. I secured Frank Newhouse, whom I consider one of the ablest handlers of fighters in the world, to train me.

On the night of the battle we "shied our castors," whatever that means, at Woodward's pavilion. Canole, with a long string of victories over classy fighters, was, of course, a heavy favorite, the betting being 10 to 2½ against yours truly. Despite this I started off to beat Canole. I met him in his own corner at the jump, but he feinted and swung a left on my jaw, and, to my surprise, he dropped me flat on my back. I thought I had been hit by the Brooklyn bridge. This only served to irritate me, as I quickly recovered, and it made me fight all the more.

Canole Was Very Clever.  
Canole so outclassed me in cleverness that in the third round such wise critics as Spider Kelly got up and went out and were followed by 100 more fight fans.

"What a lemon this Hegewich Dane is!" said Kelly.  
I knew I was being badly outpointed. Nevertheless I figured I was out-fighting Canole. I cracked him one on the liver, and in the seventh round Canole practically admitted defeat, as before he left his corner he rubbed his gloves in the rosin, expecting to cut me up by jabbing his gloves in my face. That is an old trick of fighters.

From that time on the tide of battle turned in favor of the Dane, who many had thought had been led to slaughter, and only the referee and timekeeper saved Canole from being knocked out long before it happened. On four or five different occasions when I had him down and out the timekeeper rang the bell, ending the round as much as two minutes before the stipulated time.

In the eighteenth round I hooked my hard left on Canole's jaw, and he dropped as though hit with a baseball bat. He lay limp as a rag and never stirred while being counted out.

Canole was, indeed, a very hard nut for me to crack at best. He was wonderfully clever, game as a tiger and carried with these virtues a hard punch, excellent head and clever foot-work.

Has His First Temptation.

Right here I met the temptation of my life, and I overcame it. You can well imagine how gleeful I felt after beating one of the first class fighters, known all over the United States. I

felt inclined to celebrate. I wanted to go out in the town and enjoy myself. You can say what you please about boys or men caring nothing about the opinion of the public, but it is all rot. I wanted to hear what they all had to say. In other words, I felt just like bubbling over and taking in the town. I had never taken a drink in my life, but this night I think I would have taken one if I hadn't fought off that temptation to "go out with the boys."

Something kept saying to me, and it was like the voice of my old mother in Hegewich, "Now, Bat, because you are successful don't go out and make a fool of yourself." These words would keep coming to me and I went back to the training quarters to think it over.

Temptation Gets a Knockout.

All this time I had been reading the papers, and I had read where many of the former champions had thrown themselves away while celebrating their victories. I was not yet a champion, but I was awful close to it. I had fought my way all over the country, and I felt as if the magic title was almost in reach.

"No," I said to myself, "Battling Nelson will stick it out right here. I will do no celebrating and running around at night until I am comfortably fixed."

It was a hard tussle, but I fought that temptation until I knocked it out, and it went the way of the others whom I have defeated. Having won out in my mind, I went to bed and slept peacefully.

As you can imagine, my victory over Canole had made me the talk of San Francisco, and the managers were after me. I fought Canole at 133 pounds, and the backers of Eddie Hanlon, who was a great boy in his day, offered to fight me at 140 pounds, weigh in at 3 o'clock. They thought I would have trouble in making that weight, but I fooled them and grabbed at the chance. I could have fought at 128 pounds, but they didn't know it.

Defeats Eddie Hanlon.

The fight was arranged to take place on July 29, to go twenty rounds, at the same old spot, Woodward's pavilion.

Hanlon, game as a pebble and a shifty, hustling boy like Canole, went after me to gain the twenty round decision on points. He danced around me like an escaped kitten during the early stages of the fight, but I soon solved his style and began wearing him down, fighting fiercely in the clinches. Game little fellow that he is, he met me at my own game.

Sing? Why, that little fellow made me sit up and take notice. He did chug me several mean blows in the wind, and, to tell the truth, he had me worried a little at the start. The kid, however, was not strong enough to keep up his dashing pace, and gradually I saw him slowing down. Then I got busy. In the seventeenth round I started in to finish him, and by the time we reached the nineteenth round poor Eddie could barely stand, and I toppled him over, winning amid tremendous applause.

Want Him to Fight Herrera.

Immediately after winning over Hanlon the fight promoters made a rush for me. One of them—then unknown—Billy Nolan, matchmaker of the Buie Athletic club, wired my manager, Teddy Murphy, already known as the "boy manager," offering a \$1,000 purse for a twenty round battle with Aurelia Herrera for Labor day, Sept. 5. Mur-



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phy, showing signs of a clever manager, did not reply immediately. He at the contest up to the highest bidder, and Uncle Tom McCarey of Los Angeles and Nolan bid against each other for three days, when Nolan came through with an offer of a \$3,500 purse and transportation from San Francisco to Butte, then to Chicago. We of course considered this the best inducement available and accepted. We journeyed over to the high altitudes of Montana and began hard training for the fray. I knew that the Mexican was no easy proposition and that in order to lick him I would have to be at my best. It took me a few days to get acquainted with the high altitude and the alkali water, but I finally got down to business and made good progress.

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Close of the Polo Season—Some Interesting Incidents—Scrappy Finish—Jockeying of Players.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Providence	61	45	581
Fall River	52	47	525
New Bedford	51	48	535
Worcester	50	48	505
Fawtucket	48	49	484
Brookton	43	51	456

RESULTS SATURDAY NIGHT.  
Providence, 8; Brockton, 6.  
Fall River, 3; Fawtucket, 1.  
New Bedford, 8; Worcester, 3.

The curtain rang down on the National Polo League Saturday night with the Providence "Grays" on the top of the pile. The race from the start has been one of the most exciting in the history of polo. Towards the end when the league panned out to six clubs, and the players were more evenly divided it was anybody's race, the positions changing every evening. Worcester's climb from sixth to second place was most remarkable.

The season started Oct. 19, 1908, with ten clubs represented, New Haven, Fawtucket, Providence, Brookton, Salem, Worcester, Hartford, New Britain, Fall River and Bridgeport. About two weeks after the start, the Hartford club showed signs of weakening and its star players were sold to Worcester. About the same time the Salem players were distributed among the Massachusetts teams. Things went along smoothly until the Massachusetts managers began their underhand work. New Britain was the first to succumb, Manager Hanna selling his team to New Bedford interests. Towards the middle of December the situation in this city in regard to the management attracted the attention of the league directors.

They sent Bill Hanna, who was then out of a job to see if matters could be straightened out. Hanna did his best to get the polo here, but the managers in Massachusetts along with the following attendances compelled the team to get out. Bridgeport withdrew "4 it was supposed to Lawrence. New Haven being the surviving Nutmegger took sail and landed in Lynn. A tight little circuit was looked forward to with interest by local fans, whose hearts were now with the Lawrence club, as the towns were bunched on the map, and the rivalry between each was intense. A bomb was thrown into the ring when it was announced that the Lawrence team was to be disbanded and its players distributed about the league. The team left over picked up the Lawrence team as the pennant winner, as her playing was the best of any in the circuit. Lewis, who was Providence Roberts to Lynn, Canavan to New Bedford, Carrigan to Pawtucket and Harper to Fall River. Things went on this way until the Lynn team became hard pressed for accommodations, and could not fill her dates.

At the suggestion of its management it was disbanded and its players distributed to the other clubs as had been done with the Lawrence-Bridgeport players. A number of good men were thrown out of positions by the constant changes until the best were retained. The constant grind has told on some of the players as they have become very nervous and at times have completely lost their heads, as the constant scraps of last week will testify. The teams finished with the following players:

Providence—Lewis, McGilvray, Menard, Hardy, Mallory and Curtis.  
New Bedford—Duggan, Harkins, Jean, Holderness, Sutton and Roberts.  
Fall River—Higgins, Thompson, Carrigan, McHara, Harper and Easton.  
Fawtucket—Pierce, Cunningham, Canavan, Cameron, Bannan and Miller.  
Worcester—Bone, Hart, Coggeshall, Fahey, and Sutherland.  
Brookton—McCarthy, Mercer, Mansfield, Doherty, and Mullen.

BRIDGEPORT MUST MAKE 9 POINTS

Otherwise Local Y. M. C. A. Athletes Will Make Stamford Victorious.

The local Y. M. C. A. will compete with the Stamford Y. M. C. A. in a dual athletic meet, Friday night this week. Athletics at the local association have been booming along in good shape during the past season. It is safe to say that never in the history of the association have the members of the gym class had such an opportunity to become proficient. Mr. H. L. Trube, a member of the New York A. C., and a member of the Olympic team which competed at London last summer and won the athletic laurels of the Olympic games, is a member of the local association and is chairman of the Athletic committee. Associated with him, are Jos. A. Kelley, Wm. E. McClellan and Robt. McKie, three members of the Senior class.

During the gymnast season a series of Athletic events have been held. The member qualifying to a 75% of efficiency in the events selected is entitled to wear the association letter on his shirt. Thus far six members of the Senior class have won that privilege. Anderson won his by running the ¼ mile on the track in 62 seconds flat, and again by running the mile in 5 minutes and 23 1-5 seconds. Kelley won his "B" the first time by running the mile in the record time of 5 minutes and 20 1-5 seconds and again by winning the ¼ mile potato race in the dual meet held in Stamford. His time was 1 minute and 42 seconds. McClellan and Harry Batchelor both won their "B's" at Stamford in the potato race, doing the ¼ mile in less than the required time of 1 minute and 45 seconds. Harry Donning and Herbert Barnsley both won their "B" in the Stamford meet, by clearing 5 feet 1 inch in the running high jump. The required height being 5 feet ¾ inches.

There is a big lot of interest adroit in the meet to be held Friday night as in the meet held in Stamford the local association lost to the Stamford team by 9 points. The members of the local team however, feel that they can trim the Stamford team even to the tune of 9 points which will be necessary in order for them to win the team trophy. Silver medals are offered as prizes to winners of first place and bronze medals to winners of second place. The team trophy is a solid silver cup, gold lined. The team scoring the highest number of points in two meets wins the cup. The score thus far is Stamford 29½ points, Bridgeport 18½ points.

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## BASEBALL NOTES.

The New York Mail of Saturday's issue says that "Red" Waller has been the sensation of the practice of the New York Giants at Dallas, Tex., for the last few days. The following is a clipping from that paper: "Waller, since he came down here with McGraw, has been practicing the 'split ball.' Raymond has coached him right along, and yesterday he was about ready to show what he could do with the damp ball. McGraw watched him hurl the ball for half an hour, and nearly every ball pitched hit the bull's eye. This morning he took his place in the box again, and pitched to the batters. Few of the sluggers could hit the ball safely. 'I only hope that boy can keep it up,' said McGraw this morning. 'The spit ball is a great thing when you can control it. But I am not going to bank too much on this fellow. I want to see more of him before we can trust him against some of the big fellows.'"

Catcher Tom Needham of the St. Paul club of the American association has been traded by Manager Chance of the Chicago Cubs for Fred W. Lease and a cash consideration. Needham was with the New York Nationals last season having been traded to that team from the Boston Nationals in 1907 with Bridwell and Tenney for Powerman, McGann and a number of other players. The trade means that Chance has decided to let his famous catcher, Kling stay away if he wishes to. Needham will give the champion third their experienced catcher.

Cy Young, Jim McGuire and Larry Lajoie make up the advisory committee of the Cleveland club. The veterans are great friends and have a pretty thorough knowledge of baseball among them.

The Montreal team of the Eastern League is due to arrive in New Britain

on Thursday of this week. Manager "Doc" Vasey will have 26 men along with him, of which 15 will be held for the season. Of the cast offs it is probable that Manager Hanna will get a number. Hanna has also received assurances from Manager Duffy of the Providence Eastern Leaguers and Manager Murray of the Philadelphia Nationals that in case they have any players to dispose of to a minor league club, that he will have the preference of their services.

John Murphy, the caretaker of the Polo Grounds in New York paid a visit to Lighthouse Point, outside of New Haven yesterday and selected a site for new baseball grounds for an amusement company at the point. It is the intention of the company to have big league teams visit the point during the summer.

The players who have already signed to play with the Holyoke team are as follows: Catchers, Ahearn, Danahey, Trayner, Gray; pitchers, Hodge, Sindler, Rieger, Bosk, Duffy, Duggan, Hiller, Wafer, Bellevue; first base, Masey, Bowers, Slack, Campbell; infielders, Perkins, Baker, Campbell, Ruell, Kinney, Novack, Brandow, McCormack, Bell; outfielders, Dolan, Kelley, Kellogg, Burke, McCabe. The pitching corps may also include Krueger, promised from the Brooklyn Nationals.

"Candy" Lachance, formerly with New Haven and Waterbury and Jerry O'Connell, New Haven's outfielder will this season run a semi-professional in Winsted. Lachance will handle the team, but Jerry will play with the New Haven team.

As was predicted in this paper some time ago, George Simmons, who played with the New Haven team last season will not hold down a job with the New York Giants. It now begins to look as if Simmy will be farmed to the Rochester team. Simmons recently wrote to Bone, his former manager, but Bone does not care for his services, as he is too slow on the bases.

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## CAMP WON CUP

The billiard tournament at the Seaside club, which has continued since last January came to a close Saturday night when J. E. Camp defeated H. S. Pearsons by the score of 150 to 124. Mr. Camp wins the president's cup, taking the third finals both from Mr. Camp and Sid N. Lockwood. These three qualified for the finals, which started some time ago, and which had to be played three times to decide a winner. In the first and second finals each man won and lost a game but in the third Camp won over both men.

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Joseph D. Hartigan the widely known pharmacist who is at Laurelin-the Pines, Lakewood, N. J., recuperating after an attack of typhoid is rapidly rounding to and will soon be his former self again.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller of 64 Sanford avenue are being felicitated upon the complete recovery of their charming little daughter Arlyne, who was dangerously ill with scarlet fever.

Attorney William V. Devitt, chief clerk of the Probate court who has been ill for a week will leave the latter part of this week for the Berkshire where the bracing air of the north hills will soon restore him to health.

## DIED.

CLARK.—In Danbury, March 24, Frank P. Clark, M. D., aged 56 years.

ALLIS.—At Riverdale, March 23, John Allis, in the 67th year of his age.

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